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FIRST ANNUAL LATINO EDUCATION CONFERENCE



Where Are The Latino Voices in School Reform?

- School Choice: vouchers, charter schools
 - Is Bilingual Education on its way out?
- Why whole school reform models leave Latinos out?
 - Affirmative action and educational opportunity
- Latino Parents and school management teams
 - Models for student success

APRIL 5 – 6, 1999
HARRAH'S HOTEL AND CASINO
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY

Early Bird Invitation - Please submit registration before 1/15/99

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ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey invites you to participate in this two-day conference, the first of many annual events, which will explore the state of the Latino participation in the school reform movement. The conference is convened at a critical juncture in the implementation of the school reform mandates created by the *Abbott* decision in New Jersey. What is happening in New Jersey now has critical national implications which cannot be ignored as state-mandated whole school reform may be the norm of the future as equality issues in the financing of public education take center stage.

The conference, to be held on April 5th and 6th, 1999 at Harrah's Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey will feature provocative speakers who will challenge the current thinking about such issues as school reform, school choice and the status and future of bilingual education.

The following noted educators or public policy makers have already confirmed their attendance as facilitators and as feature or keynote speakers:

David Sciarra, Esq.

David Sciarra is the architect of the legal challenge which culminated in the *Abbott v. Burke* case and the resultant *Abbott* remedies, which now include state-mandated whole school reform, as approved by the New Jersey Supreme Court. Mr. Sciarra is the Executive Director of the Education Law Center, an advocacy group formed to ensure that state and federal laws relating to education are legally enforced and that all children in New Jersey receive a thorough, efficient and appropriate education. Mr. Sciarra and the ELC are now vigorously engaged in ensuring that the *Abbott* remedies are properly implemented and that equal funding translates into equal educational opportunity.

Ronald Blackburn-Moreno

Ronald Blackburn-Moreno is the President of the ASPIRA Association, Inc. Mr. Blackburn-Moreno formerly worked with the College Board on its EQUITY 2000 Student Enrichment Programs developing mathematics and science academies across the country. Prior to joining the Board, he served as Director of Community Outreach for the Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network in Washington, D.C. establishing local educational partnerships in 21 cities. Mr. Blackburn-Moreno served as Assistant to the President of the Ana G. Méndez University system in Puerto Rico for seven years where he was responsible for developing and managing several national science and engineering consortia involving Hispanic Serving Institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Department of Energy National Laboratories. He also served as Director of Development of the 11-campus University of Puerto Rico system and was responsible for over \$22 million in federal and foundation grants. He has also served as a consultant to The Ford Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Mr. Blackburn-Moreno served as Chairman of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, the organization that brings together the 30 national Latino organizations and the recently issued Latino Policy Agenda for the country. He is also on the Board of the Hispanic Association on Corporate Responsibility (HACR), and on the Board of Trustees of the Mid Atlantic Educational Laboratory, a Department of Education National Lab housed at Temple University. He is also chair of the National Model Institutions for Excellence.

Mercedes Del Valle-Rana, Ed.D.

Noted school psychologist, Dr. Del Valle-Rana brings a wealth of knowledge about acculturation issues and how the Latino child nurtures and develops. She has extensive experience as a commentator on radio and TV programs featuring topics related to child development and mental health issues. Dr. Del Valle-Rana has written extensively about the need to, and current lack of, the consideration of cultural factors in the assessment of Latino students. She has consulted as an Ethnolinguistic grant evaluator for Essex County College and has conducted training for the Educational Testing Service. She is a certified School Psychologist and a member of the ASPIRA of New Jersey Board of Directors.

FIRST ANNUAL LATINO EDUCATION CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
WHERE ARE THE LATINO VOICES IN SCHOOL REFORM?

April 5-6, 1999 Harrah's Hotel and Casino, Atlantic City, N.J.

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Title _____

Institution/School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone() _____ Fax() _____

Are you an Aspirante/Alumni? Yes _____ No _____

*Registration fees include Conference Program, materials, breakfasts, one lunch and Reception.
You must make your hotel reservations directly with Harrah's Hotel by calling 1(800)242-7724(81) and
Mention ASPIRA, Inc. of New Jersey, G-2739*

Early Bird Before 1/15/99	Pre-Registration	On Site/After 3/12/99	Amount
\$350.00	\$380.00	\$425.00	\$ _____

Multiple Registrations: The second registrant from the same institution shall receive a 10 percent discount.
Subsequent registrants from the same institution will receive a 5 percent discount each.

Registration Instructions and Deadline:

Registration materials must be postmarked on or before 3/12/99. After this date, "On-site" registration fees apply. Full payment or a Purchase Order Form must accompany this form. No registration will be accepted without payment or purchase order. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ASPIRA, MAIL CHECK AND THIS REGISTRATION FORM TOGETHER TO:

**1999 ANNUAL CONFERENCE,
ASPIRA, INC. OF NEW JERSEY,
390 BROAD STREET, 3rd FLOOR
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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Educators interested in school reform. Teachers, administrators, superintendents, students, parents. Members of school boards, college admissions personnel. Educators and the general public. All those interested in the future of *bilingual education*. Community-based organizations, local education officials. People who are looking for choices in education.

THE WORKSHOPS

School Choice: vouchers, charter schools: Do we understand where we are?

Why Whole School Reform models leave Latinos out and what we can do about it.

Is Bilingual Education on its way out?

Models for student success

The role of community providers in *Abbott*: how to get involved

Your participation in school management teams (SMT's)

How to apply and set up a charter school

Affirmative action and educational opportunity: is the dream alive?

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act: Washington update

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